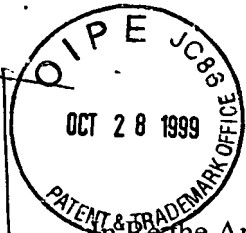


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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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4. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said game includes a card
game and further including the steps of:

generating electronic card representations for playing the card game;

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